

PROPOSED USE OF THE PLENARY POWERS TO SUPPRESS THE
GENERIC NAME *WESTENOCERAS* FOERSTE, 1924, SO AS TO
PRESERVE THE NAME *WESTONOCERAS* FOERSTE, 1924 (CLASS
CEPHALOPODA). Z.N.(S.) 1226

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The purpose of the present application is to ask the International Commission to take the action needed to validate the generic name *Westonoceras* and to suppress the generic name *Westenoceras*, variant spellings of the same name proposed in the same publication by A. F. Foerste, 1924.

2. Foerste, 1924 (*Denison Univ. Bull., Sci. Lab. J.* 20 : 253-4) formally proposed the nominal genus *Westenoceras* and designated as type-species *Cyrtoceras manitobense* Whiteaves, 1890 (*Proc. Trans. roy. Soc. Canada* 7(4) : 80) of the Ordovician of Manitoba, Canada. However, in his Introduction (: 196), Foerste said "Finally, the genera *Westonoceras* and *Cyrtogomphoceras* are here proposed for the very aberrant species, *Cyrtoceras manitobense* Whiteaves and *Oncoceras magnum* Whiteaves".

3. It is thus evident that the names *Westonoceras* and *Westenoceras* were proposed for the same species in the same publication. The detailed description was published under *Westenoceras* only. No derivation of the name was indicated.

4. The spelling *Westenoceras* was used again by Foerste, 1926 (*Denison Univ. Bull., Sci. Lab. J.* 21 : 331), by Troedsson, 1926 (*Medd. om Gronl.* 71 : 90) and by Foerste & Savage, 1927 (*Denison Univ. Bull., Sci. Lab. J.* 22 : 54). In 1928, however, (*Michigan Univ., geol. Mus. Contrib.* 2(3) : 48) Foerste used the spelling *Westonoceras* for what was obviously a species of the same genus, and he adopted the same spelling in 1929 (*Denison Univ. Bull., Sci. Lab. J.* 24 : 219) and 1930 (*ibid.* 24 : 312). Furthermore, in 1930 Foerste & Teichert (*ibid.* 25 : 280) explained that Foerste had intended to name this genus after one T. C. Weston.

5. Between 1930 and 1952 the name *Westonoceras* was generally used (by Foerste, Teichert, Strand, Flower, Flower & Kummel) in all papers dealing with species belonging to this genus with the exception of Roy, 1941 (*Field Mus. nat. Hist., geol. Mem.* 2 : 140) and Teichert & Glenister, 1952 (*J. Paleont.* 26 : 744).

6. In the meantime, Teichert, 1933 (*Palaeontographica* 78, Abt. A : 216) had proposed the family WESTONOCERATIDAE, based on the generic name *Westonoceras* which he then used. This family-name was used by all subsequent authors.

7. The name *Westonoceras* was again used by Teichert & Glenister, 1954 (*Bull. amer. Paleont.* 35 (No. 150) : 150) and by Miller, Youngquist & Collinson, 1954 (*Mem. geol. Soc. Amer.* 62 : 84).

8. From the foregoing, it is clear that *Westenoceras* and *Westonoceras* were two names proposed for the same type-species in the same publication (Foerste, 1924). It is, furthermore, clear that the first subsequent user was

Foerste, 1926, who selected the name *Westenoceras*, and that this name thus became validly established as the spelling to be used for the name of the genus of which the type-species is *Cyrtoceras manitobense* Whiteaves. Nevertheless, when the intention of the author to name this genus after T. C. Weston became known, the name *Westonoceras* was generally adopted in the literature and a family-name was based on it.

9. In view of these facts, and particularly because the stabilisation of the spelling *Westenoceras* would involve emendation of the family-name WESTONOCERATIDAE to WESTENOCERATIDAE (notwithstanding the fact that this name, as published by Teichert in 1933, was based upon the correct spelling of the patronymic in question), the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is asked :—

- (1) to use its Plenary Powers to direct that of the two original spellings used by Foerste in 1924 for a generic name based upon the surname of the palaeontologist T. C. Weston, the spelling *Westonoceras* be accepted as the valid original spelling and the spelling *Westenoceras* be rejected as an invalid original spelling ;
- (2) to place the generic name *Westonoceras* Foerste, 1924 (gender : neuter), type-species, by original designation, *Cyrtoceras manitobense* Whiteaves, 1890 (validated as the valid original spelling of this name under the Plenary Powers in (1) above) on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology ;
- (3) to place the specific name *manitobense* Whiteaves, 1890, as published in the binomen *Cyrtoceras manitobense* (type-species, by original designation, of *Westonoceras* Foerste, 1924) on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology ;
- (4) to place the generic name *Westenoceras* Foerste, 1924 (suppressed as an invalid original spelling of *Westonoceras* under the Plenary Powers in (1) above) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology ;
- (5) to place the family-name WESTONOCERATIDAE Teichert, 1933 (type-genus *Westonoceras* Foerste, 1924) on the Official List of Family-group Names in Zoology.